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R 240625Z AUG 76
FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5653
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E.O. 11652:N/A
TAGS: ENRG, BRTA, IN, CE
SUBJECT: MARATHON BEGINS SECOND EXPLORATION WELL

REF: COLOMBO 2778

1. NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HAS YET BEEN MADE ABOUT COMPLETION OF MARATHON PETROLEUM CORPORATION'S FIRST OFFSHORE EXPLORATORY WELL IN PALK BAY OR THE DISAPPOINTING RESULTS (REFTEL). NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT DRILLING OF A SECOND WELL (MARATHON'S CONTRACT WITH CEYOIL CALLS FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO WELLS) HAS BEGUN ABOUT TWELVE MILES NORTHWEST OF DELFT ISLAND (APPROXIMATE COORDINATES: LATITUDE-- 9 DEGREES, 40 MINUTES N; LONGITUDE-- 79 DEGREES, 33 MINUTES E.)
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2. REPORTEDLY, THIS DRILL STIE IS OVER A SHALLOWER
STRUCTURE THAN THE FIRST ONE, AND THE SECOND WELL
(DELFT NO. 1) WILL NOT BE AS DEP AT THE 8,600 FEET
REACHED BY PALK BAY NO. 1. A KNOWLEDGABLE SOURCE SAID
THAT MARATHON IS "HOPING OR THE BEST BUT EXPECTING
THE WORST."
PERKINS

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